



## Escape Without Delay!

Install Dual Sensor Fire Alarms, Be Warned, Get out Alive!!!

### Not All Fires are the Same

There are slow smoldering fires and fast flaming fires. This depends on what catches on fire. Smoldering fires produce a lot of dangerous smoke before breaking into flames. Flaming fires are very hot, fast moving and dangerous.

### Not All Fire Alarms are the Same

There are fire alarms that are faster for detecting slow smoldering fires (photoelectric), some that are faster for detecting fast flaming fires (ionization) and some that use both technologies (**dual sensor** photoelectric and ionization). Neither technology is new but they were equal when we had mostly natural fibers in our homes. Now the difference in technology is very important.

### Install Dual Sensor Fire Alarms

Because the synthetic materials we commonly use in the home smolder longer before breaking into flames, it is wise to use a fire alarm that will alert you as early as possible of either type of fire. This means having two types of alarms or a **dual sensor** fire alarm.

### Test Alarms

Alarms should be tested monthly and batteries should be replaced once per year.

### Know How to Escape When the Alarm Sounds

Draw a map of your home, find 2 ways out of each room, practice the plan with everyone in the household using the test button of your dual sensor alarms and decide on a meeting place outside and away from the house. Celebrate when everyone makes it to your meeting place!!

## GOOD:

- ❖ Have working fire alarms in the home.

## BETTER:

- ❖ Have working **DUAL SENSOR** fire alarms (or a photoelectric and ionization alarm side by side) in the home.

## BEST:

- ❖ Install interconnected **DUAL SENSOR** fire alarms on each level, outside sleeping areas and in each bedroom.
- ❖ Install a carbon monoxide alarm on each level of the home.
- ❖ Install residential fire sprinklers.